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SUBJECT: KOREAN ACCESSION TO NPT

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1. IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL MEET IN VIENNA BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE BY CONSENSUS AT OPENING SESSION APPLICATION OF NORTH KOREA FOR AGENCY MEMBERSHIP (REFTEL). NORTH KOREA IS EXPECTED TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF AGENCY STATUTE IMMEDIATELY AND TAKE SEAT AS FULL AGENCY MEMBER DURING REMAINDER OF GC.

2. DEPT. WILL RECALL (IAEA VIENNA, 12/11/72) EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN LATE 1972 BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH SOVIET-SUPPLIED NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR FUELING NORTH KOREAN RESEARCH REACTOR.
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NORTH KOREA DID NOT REPLY TO AGENCY'S REQUEST FOR

CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER NK DESIRED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT APPLYING ONLY TO THAT MATERIAL AND RESEARCH REACTOR OR WHETHER IT INTENDED TO ACCEDE TO NPT AND ENTER INTO COMPREHENSIVE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT APPLICABLE TO ALL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN NORTH KOREA. HOWEVER, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN, GIVEN STRONG SOVIET SUPPORT OF NPT AND ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER NPT AS SUPPLIER, THAT NORTH KOREAN RESEARCH REACTOR FUEL WILL, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BE PLACED UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE. DURING RECENT PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH USSR MISSION IN VIENNA PRIOR TO JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING (PARAS 7-8 REFTTEL), SOVIET GOVERNOR MOROKHOV CONFIRMED TO MISSION THAT USSR HAD SUPPLIED FUEL FOR NORTH KOREAN RESEARCH REACTOR UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WHICH CALLS FOR APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS. USSR, HE SAID, INTENDED AGAIN TO RAISE QUESTION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS WITH NORTH KOREA PRIOR TO REFUELING OF RESEARCH REACTOR, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED IN ANOTHER YEAR OR SO.

3. WE HAVE NO RPT NO INDICATION AS TO WHETHER NORTH KOREA WILL EVENTUALLY ELECT TO CONCLUDE LIMITED SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH AGENCY COVERING ONLY RESEARCH REACTOR AND ITS FUEL (WHICH WOULD MEET USSR OBLIGATIONS AS SUPPLIER, PER ARTICLE III.2 OF NPT), OR WHETHER NORTH KOREA WILL DECIDE TO ACCEDE TO NPT AND ENTER INTO COMPREHENSIVE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH AGENCY. IN ABSENCE OTHER INCENTIVES OR PRESSURES, NORTH KOREA WOULD PROBABLY FEEL UNDER SOME CONSTRAINTS AS TO ACCESSION TO NPT IN VIEW ADAMANT PRC OPPOSITION TO TREATY.

4. HOWEVER, IT MUST ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT ALL SOCIALIST STATES MEMBERS OF AGENCY EXCEPT ALBANIA AND CUBA ARE PARTIES TO NPT, AND AFTER AGENCY MEMBERSHIP NORTH KOREA MIGHT WELL DECIDE TO ADHERE TO TREATY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS WOULD ENABLE NORTH KOREA TO TAKE SEAT AT CONFERENCE OF PARTIES TO REVIEW OPERATION OF NPT (REVCON) TO BE HELD IN GENEVA IN MAY 1975. ON OTHER HAND, AS NON-PARTY TO TREATY, ROK WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN REVCON WITH, AT BEST, CONFIDENTIAL

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OBSERVER STATUS ONLY; PRESUMABLY, ROKG WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH SITUATION WHEREBY ONLY KOREA REPRESENTED AS FULL PARTICIPANT AT REVCON WAS NORTH KOREA. MISSION BELIEVES THAT PROSPECT OF PARTICIPATING IN REVCON, WHILE ROK CANNOT, DOES PROVIDE SOME SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR NORTH KOREA TO OPT FOR NPT ADHERENCE. IF THIS IS CASE, NORTH KOREA MIGHT WELL NOT REVEAL SUCH INTENTION BEFORE DOING SO IMMEDIATELY

PRIOR TO REVCON, IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE ROK RATIFICATION
IN TIME FOR LATTER TO TAKE SEAT ALSO.

5. MISSION SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CONSIDER BRINGING
THIS POSSIBILITY TO ATTENTION OF ROKG, SINCE IT MIGHT
WELL BE IN THEIR INTEREST TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF EARLY
ROK ACCESSION TO NPT, WHICH WOULD ASSURE ROK OF SEAT
AT REVCON.PORTER

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